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The problem

Nonprofits cannot access information that could help them to address social problems and make evidence-based decisions.



The opportunity

Nonprofits have the social capital to activate politicians and overcome bureaucratic barriers.

If they chose to engage, they are a credible ally to communicate benefits of increased data linkage and sharing to the public.



Recidivism interventions: what's the impact?



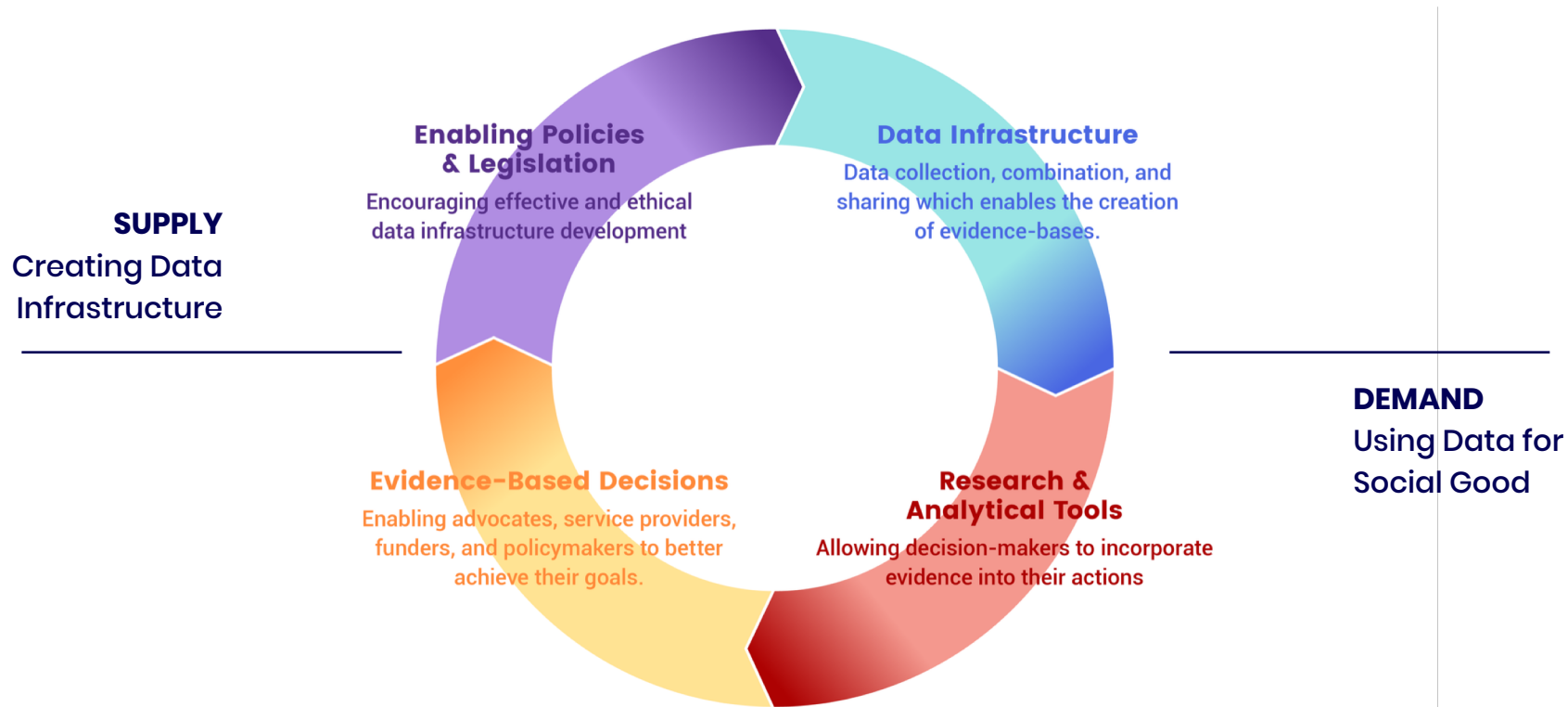
Complex needs, multiple services.



Fragmented information system:
barrier to evidence-based policy & advocacy



Access to **data** is a missing link





Administrative data sharing!



Wait. **What is administrative data?**

~~Survey Data~~

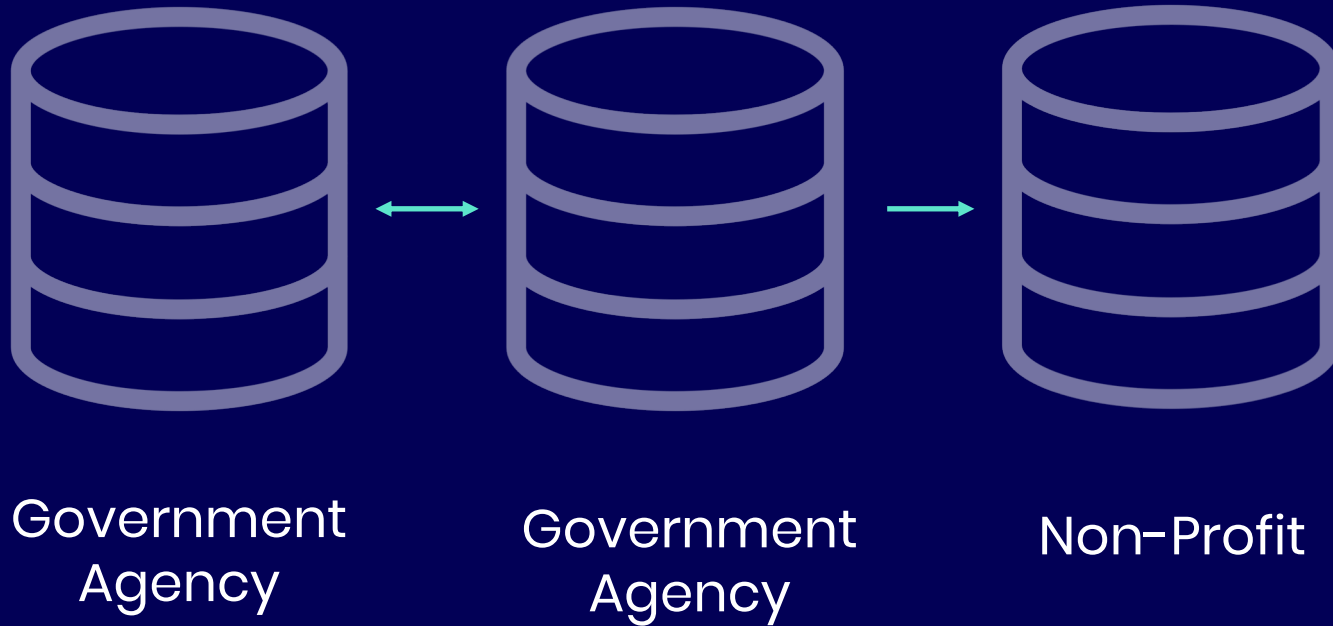
~~Open Data~~

Operational
Data ✓





Administrative **data-sharing**





Administrative data sharing can help...



**evaluate
impact.**



**integrate
service delivery**



**support evidence-
based policy.**



MIGRANT EMPLOYMENT DATA LAB: HOW IT COULD WORK



STEP 1

**Nonprofit
submits
cohort data**



STEP 2

**Data lab links to
tax records**



STEP 3

**Data lab
creates
statistical
control group**



STEP 4

**Nonprofit
receives
aggregated
report**



What could **YOU** do with more access to government administrative data?

- What **baseline info** could you get more accurately?
- What **client outcomes** could you track more effectively?
- What **policy impacts** could you verify more clearly?
- How might you **integrate services** to better serve clients?



PRIVACY



SECURITY



CONSENT

Increased use of government data involves
significant risks



Additional risks / downsides to admin data use

- **Restricting nonprofits' autonomy**
- **Amplifying existing inequities**
- **Faulty interpretation**



ETHICAL IMPERATIVE

Communities most impacted **must
be included.**



STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE

A more powerful, **convincing** coalition.



Three key stakeholder groups.

Funders

Service
Providers

Advocacy
Groups



Our civil society coalition approach...



Connects
diverse
stakeholders



Mitigates
social risks



Provides a clear
social license



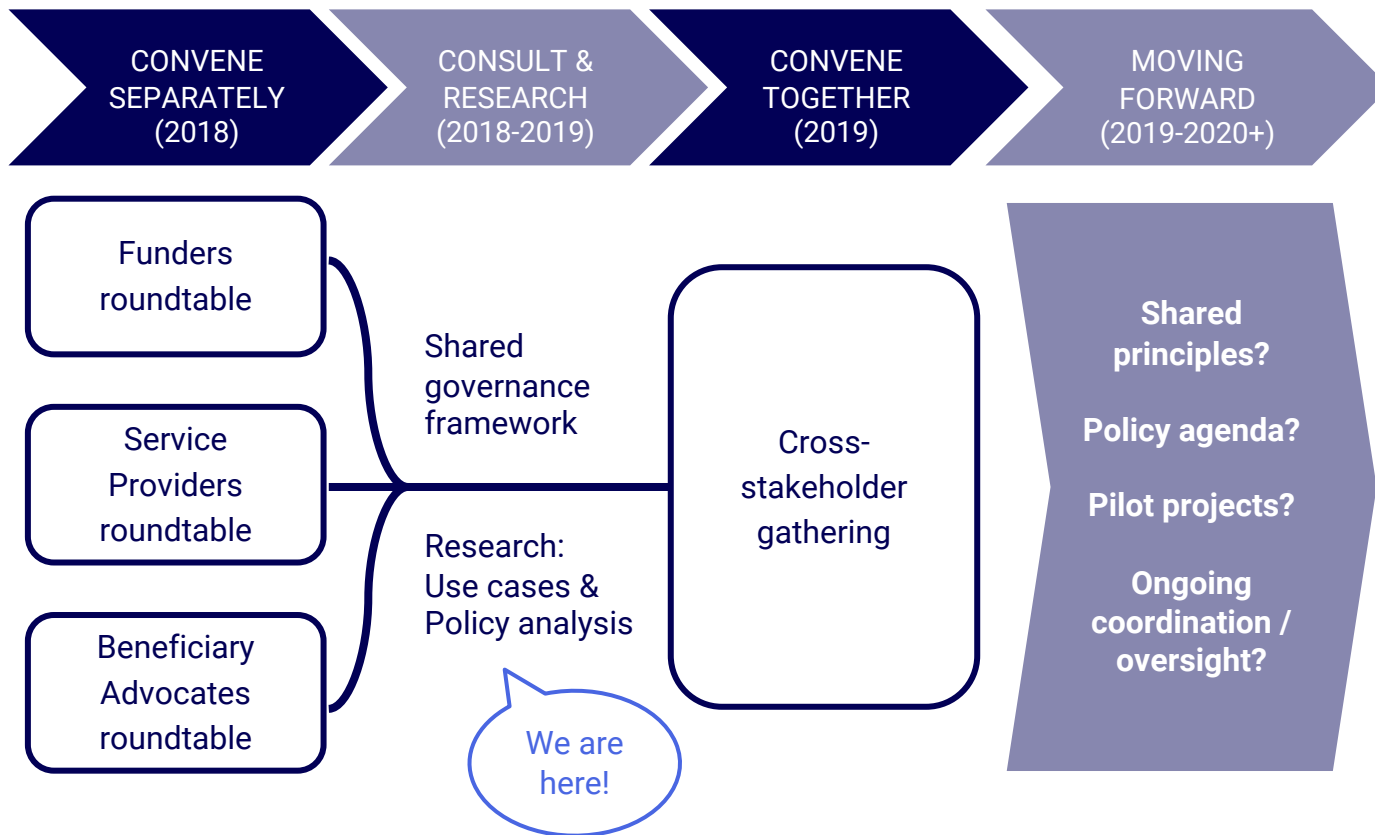
Powered by Data is developing this coalition with four co-convening partners...



...and over 40 additional nonprofit service providers, foundations, and advocacy groups who are actively engaged in this process



Moving slowly to build alignment and momentum





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